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It is the duty of every man and woman affiliated with the American Federation of Labor to register now in order to vote at next election.

Register now, defeat the "hot cargo" bill in November, 1942.

Do your duty and support organized labor's fight.

LET'S VOTE IN '42

Every member of the A. F. of L. must do his duty in 1942 by voting against the "hot cargo" bill on the November ballot.

This vicious anti-labor measure would outlaw every labor union in the state. Let's go . . . let's defeat the bill by registering now and voting in 1942.

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RED CROSS DRIVE FOR FUNDS

AFL Councils Urge Half-Day's Pay Be Donated To Red Cross; Drive Now Under Way

Members of Both Central Labor and Building Trades Councils Asked To Contribute Liberally

American Federation of Labor made it 100 per cent today when the central labor council added its vote of approval to the building and construction trades council of yesterday in support of the Red Cross war relief fund.

All trade unions of the AFL in the east bay area have agreed to assume the initiative in soliciting their members' contributions to the American Red Cross war relief fund. The decision was reached yesterday at a meeting of the central labor council and the building and construction trades council. The report of this agreement was welcomed by Carl F. Wente, Oakland war relief chairman, with the statement: "From the standpoint of the community this indicates that organized labor has gone 100 per cent for the plan to take care of the solicitation of people, in whatever manner they work out for its accomplishment. According to our understanding, while the arrangement is not unanimous, most of the groups are attempting to secure a minimum of one-half a day's pay from everyone."

Uniting To Support Drive

In making known the results of the meeting with respect to contributions to the fund, James H. Quinn, president of the building and construction trades council, stated:

"We are convinced that the war, which grows more intense every moment, means an increasing threat to our own families, homes and property. Bombings and sabotage may momentarily bring havoc into our midst. Men and women of organized labor are uniting in support of the Red Cross war relief fund as one means of combating disaster on our own doorsteps."

John C. Reynolds, representing the council expressed the hope that it may be possible for members of the affiliated unions to work an extra half day and to contribute the pay therefrom to the war relief fund. "If we cannot manage to swell the fund in just this way, it certainly will be done in some other manner," he declared.

G. A. Silverthorn, secretary-treasurer of the central labor council, explained that among some of the unions affiliated with the organization, some of the crafts and trades overlap.

"In some instances where this situation occurs," he said, "we are asking management to assist in the solicitation in order that there may be no conflict in achieving our goal. We are recommending to our affiliated unions that they endeavor to line up their memberships 100 per cent on the half-day's pay donation."

Silverthorn received assurance from Chairman Wente that non-union personnel in organizations throughout the area are being asked to make similar contributions through their places of business.

Charles W. Real, secretary of the teamsters' union, reported that the members of his organization will unanimously agree on the half-day's pay manner of giving to the war relief fund.

In acknowledging the support of the organized groups, Chairman Wente stated:

"The final success of the campaign rests on the responsibility of labor in carrying its full share. We are not only counting on organized labor but we are expecting it to be successful in the drive."

PLANS COMPLETED FOR GOMPERS CELEBRATION

Birthday Party to Be Given Here By Post 578

With the slogan to "carry on," members of Samuel Gompers Post No. 578, American Legion, have completed plans for the birthday celebration for the great former leader of the American Federation of Labor, for whom the post was named.

The grand birthday celebration will be held at Jenny Lind hall on Telegraph avenue the night of January 24 from 8 p. m. on.

The celebration calls for 12 acts of vaudeville, eats, refreshments and valuable awards. Jimmy Dyer is general chairman of arrangements.

Dyer has invited guests from several labor unions and labor councils and special guests from the city and county. It will be strictly a stag affair.

Assisting Dyer on the committee are Sol Novak, Niles Tornquist, Fred Cooper and John E. Brock.

Jimmy Muir, well-known east bay "trooper" will be master of ceremonies.

Post 578 is making an extensive drive for membership and has sent an appeal to all AFL world war veterans to join the post. The post is under the sponsorship of the central labor and building trades councils here.

LABOR OFFICIALS TO SPEAK AT PAYROLL MEETING SUNDAY

Two local labor representatives, William A. Spooner and F. B. Fulmer, will speak at the Payroll Guarantee association of California meeting this Sunday in Oakland and San Francisco.

Spooner will speak at the meeting to be held in the Pacific building, Oakland, at 1 p. m.; Fulmer will speak at the 2:30 p. m. meeting in Native Sons' hall, San Francisco.

All members of trade unions and friends invited.

Oakland Pressmen In Regular Meeting Monday, January 19

On Monday evening, January 12, the executive committee of Oakland Printing Pressmen and Assistants' Union No. 125 will meet in regular session at the union's headquarters in the Press building; the committee will meet again January 19 at 6:30 p. m. in Native Sons' hall, 11th and Clay streets.

Regular meeting of the local union will convene January 19 in Native Sons' hall at 7:30 o'clock. All members are urged to attend.

ENGINEERS 507 CALL REGULAR MEETING

Operating Engineers' Union, Local No. 507, AFL, has called a meeting for Monday, January 26, in the AFL building on Webster street. Meetings will convene promptly at 2 p. m.

F. B. Fulmer, secretary, has requested all members to make a prompt payment of assessment No. 5, which will go to fight the "hot cargo" bill at the November election.

Request your change in United States government defense savings stamps.

BAKERY WAGON DRIVERS CALL SPECIAL MEET

Because of the present emergency and possible blackouts, the next meeting of Bakery Wagon Drivers and Salesmen's Union, Local No. 432, will be held in Hall 4 of the AFL building Sunday, January 11 at 1 p. m.

The meeting is special called and those not attending will be assessed the sum of $2.00, Paul Fuhrer, business representative, said.

CHAUFFEURS AND MACHINISTS BUY U. S. BONDS

Unions Added to Long List of Subscribers

Chauffeurs' Union, Local No. 923, AFL, announced today the purchase of $4,000 worth of defense bonds. According to E. V. Ring, business representative, the union plans on purchasing $1,000 worth each month.

Another union was added to the long list of AFL organizations in the purchasing of U. S. bonds, this week, when the International Association of Machinists, Lodge No. 284, bought $3,000 worth.

Dave Wilson, business manager of Lodge 284, stated his union will purchase $1,500 in U. S. bonds each month for the next several months.

Report Shows Cost Of Living Up In S. F. Bay Area

The rise in the cost of living in Los Angeles and San Francisco during the first two years of the present world war has been almost exactly the same as during the first two years of world war I. This was disclosed by H. C. Carrasco, chief of the division of labor statistics and law enforcement, in a report released today tracing the trend in the cost of living during world war I and the present war.

The report indicates that, as in the last war, the upward spiral of retail prices gradually is gaining momentum.

In September 1941, living costs in Los Angeles and San Francisco areas were up approximately 7½ per cent over the 1939 level. In terms of purchasing power, the consumer's dollar in these two cities in September 1941 secured only 93 cents worth of the goods $1.00 bought in 1939.

Since September 1941 the cost of living has risen another 3 per cent, bringing the level more than 10 per cent above 1939 and reducing the purchasing power of the dollar to 90 cents.

From 1914 to 1916, living costs in Los Angeles and San Francisco areas increased approximately 7 per cent. After 1916, however, skyrocketing retail prices raised living costs in these cities to almost double their pre-war level by 1920.

Other findings disclosed by the report are:

Food prices have risen more during the first two years of the present war than during the corresponding period of world war I. San Francisco housewives in September 1941 were paying approximately 16 per cent more for food than in 1939. During the first two years of world war I, food prices rose less than 10 per cent.

The report points out that current cost of living statistics may not adequately reflect the extent to which price advances have occurred through cheapening of the quality, especially in clothing. Furthermore, the cost of living indexes through September do not reflect the increase in living costs which will result from the levying of income and excise taxes under the 1941 federal revenue act.

Todd Attends Trades Council

Clarence Todd, attorney for the California State Federation of Labor and legal advisor for many unions in the state, appeared before the local building trades council, Tuesday night, and explained in detail the trial held recently in the federal courts in San Francisco against the carpenters and millmen's unions.

He answered several questions and was given a warm welcome by the delegates.

TRADESMEN URGED TO SEND RED CROSS DONATIONS TO BTC

All building trades unions in Alameda county, making contributions to the American Red Cross should send their checks to the office of the building trades council at 2111 Webster street, Oakland.

These contributions, along with individual contributions, will be turned over to the Red Cross before the drive ends.

By complying with the above, it will enable the council to keep an accurate check on all contributions made by building trades members and unions.

LABOR COUNCIL HERE IN SPECIAL MEETING SUNDAY

Regular-special meeting of the Central Labor Council of Alameda county will be held Sunday, January 11, in the AFL building at 12 o'clock noon.

Union delegates are urged to attend, as many matters of great importance to the labor movement will be discussed and acted upon.

The meeting is the first to be held in the new year and all delegates should make an especial effort to attend.

Signed: WALTER EAST, President.
G. A. SILVERTHORN, Secretary.

Meeting the War Emergency; Labor's Responsibility Greatest in Nation's History

Organized Labor Rushing Production Of Ships, Planes and Other War Equipment to Defeat Axis

by FRANK C. MACDONALD, President, State Building Trades Council

The dastardly attack by the Japs upon Pearl Harbor was followed by a declaration of war against Japan, Germany and Italy. The declarations of war have placed upon organized labor responsibilities greater than ever before in our nation's history.

Organized labor has long recognized that the rush production of ships, planes, tanks, cantonments, ordnances and war equipment for America, Britain, China and Russia was its particular job. These vitally necessary materials can be produced only by the skill and toil of labor. Labor gladly accepts its responsibility. In addition, it has obligated its members to buy more and more defense bonds.

Now that American cities have become liable to shelling barrages from ships and bombing attacks by airplanes, organized labor has accepted another grave responsibility. That responsibility is to do its full duty in maintaining civil defense and protecting citizens.

Tradesmen Gladly Give Services

Building trades workmen, because of their knowledge, skill and patriotism, become tremendously important when a city is shelled or bombed. When gas mains are blown up you need plumbers to repair the damage quickly and safely. When water mains are broken, that is another rush job for plumbers. When electric wire systems are wrecked, leaving live wires to set fires and electrocute people, that is when you urgently need electricians. When sewers have been crushed and have to be quickly reconstructed, you need bricklayers, cement finishers and iron workers. When bombed buildings are on the verge of collapse, you need carpenters who understand shoring and timbering. When streets are choked and blocked with debris of wrecked buildings, then you need steam shovel operators and truck drivers to quickly clear the thoroughfares. You will also need iron workers to burn through steel girders that cannot be handled even by the most powerful steam shovels. On every one of these jobs you will need corps of laborers. Yes, if a dangerous wall is to be dynamited, from the laborers' ranks come the men who know how. If an emergency tunnel has to be quickly driven, that too is the laborers' job.

When plumbers repair gas and water mains, they need a crew of competent laborers with them. When carpenters do timbering and shoring work they need crews of competent laborers. When sewer systems are crushed and public health is menaced, there is urgent need for the services of experienced laborers. When fires break out and buildings have to be quickly scaled, out of the ranks of the painters come the men who understand building construction, who in their regular work year in and year out scale our buildings, and who therefore will quickly become capable fire fighters.

Prepared For Emergency

There are but a few of the important duties that have been voluntarily accepted by the building and construction trades workers who are prepared to and will meet and deal with war emergencies and catastrophes that we hope will not occur to our coast cities.

The spirit of organized labor is manifest by the fact that out of its ranks have gone thousands of men into the armed service of the army and navy. After Pearl Harbor was bombed, hundreds of building trades workmen eagerly volunteered their services for reconstruction and salvage work necessary in the Hawaiian islands.

America faces a supreme test. Organized labor is grateful that it is privileged to be numbered among the citizens of the greatest republic of all time.

Organized labor is keenly conscious of its obligation, its responsibility and its duty to home, to country and to God.

Organized labor in America has assumed its place in the first line of defense and will do its full share in winning victory for the united democracies.

BAKERS' JOINT BOARD BUYS BONDS, DONATES TO RED CROSS

The joint executive board of San Francisco and Oakland bakers' unions, met in regular session Wednesday night and "split" their treasury, half in U. S. defense bonds and half to the American Red Cross.

Each month, the board said, similar action will be taken and all funds go for bonds and the Red Cross.

The board recommended that all affiliated unions donate at least a half day's pay to the Red Cross at once.

FUNERAL SERVICES FOR PAT SWEENEY TOMORROW

Funeral services will be held tomorrow at St. Frances de Sales church at 9:30 a. m. for Patrick B. Sweeney, 60, a member of Electrical Workers' Union, Local No. 50, who died at a sanitorium in Hayward, Wednesday.

For many years Sweeney was a delegate to the central labor council and took an important part in the labor movement in the state of California.

He was a member of the K. of C., U.P.E.C., carmen's benevolent society, and several lodges.

Rosary will be said tonight at the chapel of the Oaks; burial will be in Holy Sepulchre cemetery, Hayward.

Painters' Official Dies

Clarence Eugene Swick, 64, general secretary of the International Brotherhood of Painters, Decorators and Paperhangers of America since 1927, died at his home in Lafayette, Ind., this week. He had been an officer of his union for 33 years.

DEMAND THE UNION LABEL

Read All About It On Page 4

It's on page 4, this issue!

The "We Don't Patronize" list of organized labor of Alameda county.

Read it each week and bear in mind the names appearing on the "unfair" list.

Don't patronize these firms . . . tell your friends not to patronize them also.

Trades Council President To Attend Meeting Of U. S. Mayors

James H. Quinn, editor of the East Bay Labor Journal and president of the Building and Construction Trades Council of Alameda county, left for Washington, D. C., last night to attend the United States conference of mayors.

This year's conference will be the largest ever held by the mayors of United States. It will convene at the Mayflower hotel Monday morning and remain in session until Wednesday night.

Quinn will represent Mayor Slavich of Oakland at the conference.

TEAMSTERS MEET FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

Regular meeting of the Brotherhood of Teamsters and Auto Truck Drivers' Union, Local No. 70, will be held the fourth Sunday of this month, and the fourth Sunday every month hereafter, according to a statement released today by Charles W. Real, secretary.

Meetings will convene promptly at 10 a. m.

Executive board meetings of the union will be held the second and fourth Sundays of the month at 12 o'clock noon, at 826 West street.

Progressive Printers Elect Officers; Endorse Local Man For I.T.U. Office

J. H. (Jack) Gwinn of Sacramento was elected president of the Progressive club of Northern California at the quarterly meeting held in Oakland January 3. J. M. Sullivan of San Francisco and G. J. (Jerry) Bonnington of Oakland were named vice-president and secretary-treasurer of the printers' club. A. C. Allyn, San Francisco, Ross D. Ewing, Oakland, and Norman Walker, San Jose, compose the board of directors.

The progressive ticket of I.T.U. candidates headed by Jack Gill of Cleveland, and including Frank Neudoerffer of Newark, N. J.; Don F. Hurd of Oakland; Woodruff Randolph of Chicago, and C. E. Tracy of Los Angeles was endorsed. Hurd and Tracy attended the session.

William Bunn, vice-president of Oakland Progressive club, welcomed the delegates and visitors. A buffet luncheon, provided for the occasion by local progressives, was marred by an early evening 35-minute blackout that trapped many out-of-town guests and late arrivals in their hotels, homes or enroute to the meeting.

President Gwinn will name the time and place for the April meeting at an early date.

S. F. TEAMSTERS RESPOND TO RED CROSS

Members of Teamsters' Union No. 85, San Francisco, 4,000 strong, voted unanimously to give $1.00 each to the American Red Cross, and repeat the progress in February, March and April.

The action was taken at the recommendation of the local's executive board, will put $16,000 into the Red Cross war chest.

UNION CABS FOR CITY OF ALAMEDA

"Ride a union cab in Alameda."

That was the request made today by E. V. Ring, business representative of the local chauffeur's union, to all working men and women living in Alameda.

Ring said that the Yellow Cab company now has cabs detailed to Alameda and that drivers of these cabs are all union men.

The "Dime Cab company," he said, is still listed as non-union and should not be patronized.

TRADES COUNCIL CONTINUES NIGHT MEETINGS

The Building and Construction Trades Council of Alameda county, in regular session this week, voted to continue their weekly meetings.

Regular meetings of the council will be held every Tuesday night in the Oakland AFL building beginning at 8 p. m.

Buy Defense Bonds and Stamps.

LOCAL 78 INSTALLS OFFICIAL FAMILY; GIVE FUNDS TO FIGHT BILL 877

Garage Employes' Union, Local No. 78, installed the following officers who will head the organization for the ensuing term:

President, Peter Antone; vice president, R. L. Pelochino; recording secretary, Bob Simmons; trustee, P. S. McCullough; business representative, Harry W. Lear.

Secretary-treasurer Robert Ash remains in office for another two years.

J. B. Piper, former recording secretary, resigned, was presented with an engraved wallet in appreciation of his services during the past year.

The union donated $200 to the Oakland Red Cross and $273 to the California State Federation of Labor to fight the "hot crago" referendum in November.

Tire Rationing Committee Opens Downtown Office

Oakland appointed its tire rationing committee this week. On the committee are three representatives of American Federation of Labor unions.

Clifton Hilderbrand, attorney for the building trades council, is chairman; Paul Fuhrer, business representative of the bakery wagon drivers' union; S. E. Rockwell, manager of the local electrical workers, and Robert Ash of the garage employes' union, are members of the committee.

Officers of the newly formed group, which will ration out tires in the city of Oakland, have opened offices in the Financial Center building on 14th street.

Labor Men On Fair Rent Committee

To prevent profiteering by property owners, the Oakland fair rent committee, set up recently by Mayor Slavich, announced that it has set rents as of July 1, 1941, as the ceiling in Oakland.

The rents were set following a meeting of the committee at which John Hohn, field representative of the office of price administration, declared Oakland was the tenth worst city in the United States in regard to shortage of rentable housing accommodations, and pointed out that rents had risen from 16 to 23 per cent since defense activities started.

Mayor Slavich appointed two local labor representatives on the committee. They are: Al Morris, business representative of the musicians' union and G. A. Silverthorn, secretary of the central labor council.

The committee will meet regularly and hear complaints from tenants and owners.

Candy Workers Move Offices

Local Candy Workers' Union No. 119-C, have moved their offices from Castle hall to the Richfield building, 1305 Franklin street, Oakland.

Jack Sweeney, business representative, announced the change in offices today.

Members of organized labor are requested to review the "We Don't Patronize" list for non-union candy companies. Don't buy from these places, listed on page 4.

PLUMBERS MEET HERE SUNDAY

Next regular meeting of Plumbers' Union, Local No. 444, will be held in the AFL building, Sunday, January 11, at 10 a. m. (Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, January 14 postponed).

At Sunday's meeting the officers, elected recently, will be installed.

After meeting adjourns refreshments will be served.

HOLD THE PHONE

by BILL WILLIAMS

In Again, Out Again—

From the looks of the 'Arry Bridges case, it's just another "in again, out again" affair.



First the CIO alien longshoreman is convicted . . . then he's let go. **Then another hearing is** held and he's convicted . . . then another hearing is held and he's free as all outdoors.

It's like a football team . . . if you're kicking against the wind, the ball don't travel . . . if you're kicking with the wind . . . the ball goes the full distance.

And so goes the alien CIO longshoreman's case.

Now, according to newspaper reports, Bridges will apply for his citizenship.

Not a bad idea is it, after 20 years in the greatest country in the world?

Wonder if another country would stand for a guy like Bridges?

The Red Cross—

We in Alameda county are faced with a drive that should not be overlooked by any American. It's the drive for the Red Cross . . . we need $250,000.

Was I amazed to read in the paper last Sunday about certain people, with full pictures, asking their membership to contribute liberally to the cause!

Yes, I remember when these same people made a visit on the city fathers at the city hall several years past and demanded the "major disaster plan" of the Red Cross be junked by the city council.

Yes, they were viciously opposed to the plan, which is now practically the civilian defense plan.

Now they are running for publicity in the newspapers because they are trying, for the first time to my knowledge, to raise a few dimes to help the drive.

Things do happen, don't they? I wonder if these guys have seen the light or are they going along because of the "adverse publicity" they've been getting lately?

To me you can't teach old dogs new tricks. I still think it was a publicity stunt!

No Politics—

Thank the Lord we haven't the politics in civilian defense here that a nearby city is confronted with. In Alameda county everyone is trying, his or her level best, to do a good job should the "slant-eyed" boys visit us with a bomb.

No one is thinking of their individual selves . . . everyone in Alameda county is thinking of the other fellow and how a big job can be done without a lot of publicity for a certain politician.

Why people allow politics to enter a "civilian defense" program is something unthinkable to me. People that will gamble the other fellow's life in order to gain a little publicity shouldn't be leading a big city, anywhere.

Mrs. F. D. R. Won't Pass Picket Line—

The other day at New York Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt refused to pass a picket line and went without seeing "In Time to Come," a play depicting President Wilson's second administration.

Mrs. Roosevelt finding two pickets from the American federation of musicians, AFL, marching in front of the Manfield theatre, west 47th street, received her money back for the three tickets and walked away after remarking:

"I can't cross a picket line, fair or unfair."

She comes from the "good old stock" I'll say.

"Bridges Is Stooge" Says Lundeberg—

Harry Lundberg, president of the Sailors' Union of the Pacific, didn't hesitate to say what he thought of the 'Arry Bridges decision this week.

As far as the sailors are concerned, 'Arry Bridges, alien CIO director, "is still the communist party stooge," according to Lundeberg.

Blasting the decision of the immigration appeals board, which partically cleared Bridges of a charge that he belonged to a party advocating overthrow of the government, Lundeberg said Bridges would continue to be considered "a communist party stooge, regardless of the decision of the fellow travelers' board in Washington."

"We object, however, to being called a liar by a stooge who never had the fortitude and never will have enough fortitude to face a man with his statement. The only thing I can say regarding Bridges," the S.U.P. official concluded, "is that we don't care one way or another what they do to him. He never was too big for us to handle, if they can purify Joe Stalin, no wonder they can also whitewash Bridges."

That's a statement for you . . . with a lot of punch to it.

$1,800 FOR RED CROSS

Sheet Metal Workers' Union, Local No. 216, presented the building trades council with a check for $1,800 today for the American Red Cross.

It is the first large check received since both labor councils began the drive for a half-day's pay from every AFL member.

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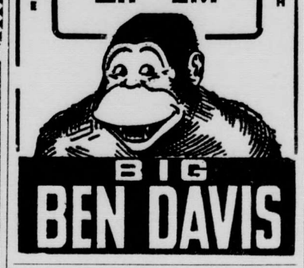
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U. S. CHECKS UP ON CAUSES OF STRIKES

Employers' Refusal To Recognize Law Is Main Difficulty

Refusal by employers to obey laws guaranteeing workers the right to organize still constitutes one of the major causes of strikes, it was revealed this week in a significant study published by the department of labor.

Half the walkouts during the first eight months of 1941, the study showed, arose principally out of workers' demands for recognition and union security—to which they are entitled by law—or against efforts by bosses to intimidate unionists, in violation of the Wagner act.

In other words, if employers in these instances had abided by the nation's laws, 50 per cent of the work stoppages for the period might have been averted.

Few Jurisdictional Clashes

Contrary to the claims made in propaganda by foes of labor, only 2 per cent of the strikes during the eight months—involving a mere four-tenths of 1 per cent of the workers who walked out—were caused by jurisdictional disputes, the report disclosed. Sympathy strikes were less than 1 per cent of the total.

Wage and hour controversies were responsible for 35.8 per cent of the strikes. In most instances, these walkouts resulted from workers' efforts to get pay boosts in line with the rising cost of living.

Another important disclosure was that by far the greatest number of strikes took place in non-defense industries, with the textile industry, which is one of the low-wage, sweatshop fields, having more than any other branch of production.

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Fifth Column

Thanks to the FBI and local police forces, there has been very little sabotage, as yet, in the United States.

Fifth column work, although it is running rampant in certain newspapers and magazines, has not taken an effective toll.

Those powerful private groups, those large corporations that have been proven and so charged by Assistant Attorney General Thurman Arnold as hampering national defense during the first ten months of the U. S. war effort have finally been swung into line (to a degree).

AFL, railroad and CIO unions are cooperating to the fullest, even in the face of the employer discrimination and unfairness.

The government is welded into one party and hitting on all sixteen. They have and are pushing red tape to one side, including such big-wigs as OPM Director Knudsen . . . as evidenced by the army taking over the Walter Reuther program, a union sponsored program, to build 500 planes a day.

But there is one bugaboo that has reared its ugly head . . . and seems bent on reaching dinosaur proportions—**Injuries suffered by workmen going to, at, and coming home from their jobs.**

Governmental statistics show that last year more working hours by far were lost as a result of injuries than by labor troubles. What with the added production and speed-up, this figure is sure to be tripled unless adequate measures are taken to prevent this "fifth columnist" from sabotaging our immense production effort.

Highways are crowded each morning and evening by workers rushing to work . . . at speeds too fast for the traffic. Accidents are becoming increasingly higher on local charts. And with tire rationing, serious blow-outs are sure to further increase this hazard. And what about cars that quit running and tires that wear out completely? Men must get to work. And there certainly should be a remedy for those thousands of workers who must travel ten, twenty, fifty and more miles to work . . . and the same distance to home, every day. This is a loss of rubber, of gas, of car mileage, and most important of man-power spent in time and travel along the already crowded highways.

That this last paragraph contains terrible truths is a well known and discussed fact. It is one of Uncle Sam's major problems in his most vital work . . . production of war materials.

That the long and high-strain hours of highway travel cut down on a man's efficiency is acknowledged. Perhaps this is the reason for the increasing number of accidents in our industrial plants. Perhaps the reason lies in the fact that the workers are new to the jobs. Perhaps there is too much overtime. Or perhaps the speed-up is too great. Or perhaps, and what is most likely, it is a combination of all. At any rate it is a problem that must be licked before it breaks down morale as well as production schedules.

We Have a Suggestion

House and feed all workers not living in the immediate vicinity of their defense work at the plant or in that vicinity. Utilize all churches, meeting halls, government buildings for this purpose. Build barracks if needed.

The saving to the American people will be immense. We can save the three, four and five hours each day that millions of workers are spending going to and from work . . . time that can be put into production. We can save an inestimable amount of rubber and gas and car equipment. We can save lives that are daily being lost on the highways, and man-power that is being lost in the factories due to tired workmen becoming injured.

This Is No Longer a Time For Preferences

American soldiers, sailors and civilians are being killed. Fellow Americans must join the ranks and be willing to sacrifice a little now in order that we might not have to sacrifice all, later.

Sayings of the Sages

You may break, you may shatter
the vase as you will,
But the scent of the roses will
hang around it still.

LINDELOF RECOVERING FROM MAJOR OPERATION

L. P. Lindelof, president of the brotherhood of painters, decorators and paperhangers, is reported to be in a favorable condition following a major operation at Grant hospital, Chicago. It is expected that Mr. Lindelof will be completely recovered within a few weeks.


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Facing the Facts

with PHILIP PEARL

We are making no rosy predictions for the coming year. America is at war. We are at war with the meanest bunch of cutthroats that ever banded together in the history of the world. They are going to stop at nothing in their efforts to destroy us because they know that if they lose they and everything they stand for will be destroyed.

In such a war, the going is bound to be tough for us. But if it hurts to give up many of the privileges and gains which we have achieved in the past, we can remind ourselves that life under totalitarian rule would be a million times worse.

All of us must realize by now that we are fighting our own personal battle in this war. Our lives are at stake. Our way of life hangs in the balance.

In such a war, there can be no half-measures. Every one of us must give all he is capable of giving. There can be no thought of sitting back and taking it easy and letting the other fellow do the sacrificing and risking.

Labor Takes the Lead

Labor, we are glad to say, is not sitting back. It is taking the lead. It is showing the American people by prompt and convincing action that the nation's army of workers can be depended upon in this critical emergency.

Scarcely had the echoes of the Japanese bombing of Pearl Harbor reached American shores, when the leaders of the American Federation of Labor got on the move. While congress was still considering declarations of war against the Axis powers, President William Green sent out a summons for a special meeting of the executive council and an extraordinary convocation of the presidents of all affiliated national and international unions.

The executive council drew up a declaration on war labor policy which was sweeping, uncompromising and clear to everyone. On the following day, the officers of the American Federation of Labor and its constituent unions adopted a unanimous program which constituted a clarion call to the nation's service.

This program called for the utter defeat of the enemies of democracy; for all-out aid by labor to America and her allies; for no interruptions of production by strikes and lockouts, and for settlement of industrial disputes by peaceful means through the medium of a war labor board.

The wisdom of this leadership was evidenced by the results. Within a few days, a conference of labor and industry representatives called by President Roosevelt reached agreement on a plan substantially the same as the one offered by the American Federation of Labor.

Enlisted For the Duration

As this is being written, President Roosevelt is about to name the new war labor board. The American Federation of Labor and its unions have pledged themselves to abide by its policies and decisions. They have voluntarily renounced the exercise of the right to strike during the war for any cause. They have enthusiastically dedicated themselves to the task of producing the implements of war in every increasing amounts until America's enemies are crushed. They have enlisted for the duration of the war on the industrial front.

There can be no question that the five million rank and file members of the federation will live up to the spirit and letter of labor's war commitments.

These men and women are the ones who have sent their sons and brothers and loved ones to fight in America's armed forces. They have read with pride of the gallant conduct of American workers when the Japanese attacked at Pearl Harbor, at Guam and at Wake. They will remember this every day and every waking minute of the day. They are giving their flesh and blood to this war. They will give their strength and their skill and their savings just as unhesitatingly.

The year ahead may not be a pleasant one. But we cannot escape a thrill of pride as we see a new spirit of unity developing in America, a readiness to forget old quarrels, a willingness to submerge selfish motives, an eagerness to pitch in and do the job. This spirit is the essence of America. It is invincible. May it wax in might and effectiveness during 1942 and teach the enemies of human decency a lesson that never will be forgotten in the memory of man!

New Officers Announced For Int'l Labor Press

The International Labor Press of America held its annual meeting in Seattle in October during the A. F. L. convention and elected officers for the ensuing year. Under the constitution these officers took their seats on the first day of the new year. Owing to the death of Thomas Burke, third vice president, which occurred following the meeting in Seattle, a referendum vote was taken among the executive board and Harvey E. Gorman, editor of The Citizen of Los Angeles, was elected ninth vice president to fill the vacancy.

The International Labor Press starts out the new year with a membership of 151 of the leading bona-fide labor papers of the United States and Canada.

Matthew Woll is president and R. E. Woodmansee, secretary-treasurer.

MONEY FOR ARMAMENT

War production, which now takes 27 per cent of the total national income, will be boosted to 50 per cent in the year following July 1, 1942, President Roosevelt said on Tuesday in announcing a plan which will vastly expand the stream of weapons and supplies for the armed forces of the United States and its allies. Under the new plan, Roosevelt added, war production will reach $50,000,000,000 a year.

The president also announced that a long list of reductions in non-defense expenditures has been prepared.

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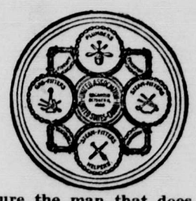
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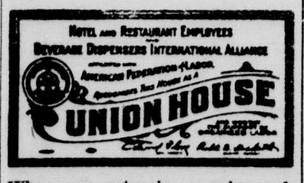
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PRESIDENT TO NAME WAR LABOR BOARD AS SUPREME ARBITER OF DISPUTES

Green Confers With Secretary Perkins on Setup of New Body

President Roosevelt will announce within a few days the appointment of a war labor board, clothed with supreme authority to give a square deal to workers and employers alike and to settle all industrial disputes by peaceful means for the duration of the war.

This program, first recommended by the American Federation of Labor, has been indorsed and agreed to by representatives of American industry.

With unity and good will prevailing and with a patriotic determination on all sides to step up production to the limit so that America can win the war as quickly as possible, success of the new program is assured.

The thing for all American Federation of Labor members and their union representatives to remember is that strikes and lockouts are out for the duration of the war. All disputes must be settled by peaceful means. The moment the president creates the war labor board, proper machinery for the settlement of such disputes will be provided.

President William Green of the American Federation of Labor conferred with Secretary of Labor Perkins for more than two hours and recommended a joint plan of procedure for the new board for submission to President Roosevelt.

While organized labor is renouncing the exercise of the right to strike during the war, the new board is expected to protect the rights of American workers by adhering to the following principles:

1—All workers are entitled to a wage sufficient to maintain full efficiency, good health and well-being for themselves and their families.

2—Policies established under the labor relations act, the wage-hour act and other existing labor statutes shall not be impaired.

3—Continuation of the normal procedures of collective bargaining on wages, hours, working conditions and union security will not be interfered with.

The final makeup of the war labor board and the manner in which it will operate have not yet been finally determined. Labor would prefer a nine-man board, made up of four industry representatives, four labor represent-

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Defense Committee Shows How Contractor Is "Getting Rich Quick" at Shipbuilding

Lobbyists Who Knew Their Way Around Washington Put Over "Deal" For Eastern Combine

The difficulty of carrying out President Roosevelt's promise that no one will get rich out of the defense program is illustrated by the case of Frank Cohen, who was questioned this week by Senator Harry S. Truman's defense investigating committee.

More fantastic than the deeds of "Get Rich Quick Wallingford" is the story of this man who is making a mighty "good thing" out of the war.

Before the war broke out in 1939, according to the committee's findings, Cohen "operated" in small life insurance companies, which had a habit of going broke. He was denounced by the Massachusetts insurance commissioner and indicted in New Jersey.

Started on "Shoestring"

Came the war. Starting on a "shoestring," and using "other people's money," Cohen juggled together 10 companies, topped by the Empire Ordnance corporation, a holding company. They now have American and British armament contracts totaling $36,000,000, plus a $20,000,000 maritime commission contract for building 12 cargo ships in a new shipyard at Savannah, Georgia.

This shipyard, alone, will net Cohen's combine a profit of $1,320,000, or $110,000 per ship, plus a $300,000 a year "rental" which the maritime commission pays for the yard. How high Cohen's profits are on the arms contracts was not disclosed, but he was drawing a $55,000 a year salary from Empire Ordnance until the British government forced him to cut it to $25,000.

Exorbitant Profits

Astounded by the profits of Cohen's Savannah Shipyards company, Senator Mon C. Wallgren (Dem., Wash.) has started a one-man probe of ship prices and profits.

Wallgren said the government is paying "at least" three times as much for ships now as it did in 1938.

How did Cohen achieve his miraculous success, which almost rivals the old story of "from rags to riches?" The senate committee members showed strong suspicion that his achievements are largely accounted for by the men he hired to represent him in Washington. They were:

Hired "Tommy the Cork"

Thomas G. Corcoran, who, after playing a big role in the "New Deal," resigned to practice law in Washington and New York. Cohen paid Corcoran $5,000 for "legal advice" on defense contracts.

Charles West, former congressman from Ohio. West received $13,000 from Cohen and is suing him for $687,000 more, which West alleges is due him for aid in getting contracts for Cohen.

William G. Dempsey and William C. Koplovitz, two former government lawyers. Dempsey is a son of John J. Dempsey, former congressman from New Mexico and until recently a member of the maritime commission, from which Cohen got the ship contracts.

Another Side to Story

All of that is only a small part of the complicated story of Cohen's remarkable rise, and the story has another side.

Cohen said that he began by borrowing $30,000 to make a down payment on a large but obsolete and unused plant owned by the Carnegie-Illinois Steel company. From that start he has built up an ordnance combine which is the only one in America able to make 75 mm. anti-tank guns from start to finish, and which makes ships and other products vital to defense.

All this was done, Cohen declared, without asking Uncle Sam to put up a single cent, while all the big, established corporations in America were refusing to take defense contracts until the government put up all the money and took all the risks.

That testimony made little impression on most of the committee members, but Senator Clyde L. Herring (Dem., Iowa) remarked to Cohen: "I wish we had a thousand like you."

LADIES' AUXILIARY NEWS

How the Women Are Helping Through Their Organizations

CARMEN'S AUXILIARY, No. 192

BUSINESS MEETING

The regular monthly business meeting of Auxiliary No. 192-A was held Friday, January 2nd in the Pacific building. At that time plans were completed for the installation of officers to take place on January 16th.

Our lesson on unionism, which was a summary of all preceding lessons, with special emphasis being placed on the part we wives have in maintaining our union way of life. Sister Anna P. Kelsey, our international president, says further: "It is up to the wives to educate the husbands as to the importance of having them attend union meetings."

INSTALLATION

We are to enjoy a very nice social afternoon after the installation on the 16th. Those appointed on this committee are Sisters Maylo, Hughes, Pearl Jones, Opal O'Dell, Elsie Ramos, Elsie Rutland and Sara Hoagland.

This meeting, as we have said before, is open to all wives of members of Division 192. To any member of Division 192 who might happen to read this, tell your wife about our installation, urge her to come down. Should she decide to join us, it will be of immeasurable help to you. The time and place again is: The Pacific building, 16th and Jefferson streets, on Friday, January 16th, at 2 p. m.

NOTES

Sister Evelyn Walden received the mystery gift at our last meeting.

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SARA HOAGLAND,
Press Correspondent.

MACHINISTS' AUXILIARY, No. 97

NOTICE

You are hereby notified the offices of press correspondent and musician are to be nominated and elected at the regular business meeting of January 13. All members are requested to attend if possible to do so.

EUGENIA CORTEZZO,
Secretary pro-tem.

COMMITTEE MEETING

The auditing committee held its final meeting of the year at the home of Anna Hoover. Guests of the evening were officers-elect Louise Almeida and Lois Girard. Refreshments were served.

SICK

Sincere get-well wishes are extended to Mr. Chris Dixon who was operated on recently.

TRIP

Nine of 97's members journeyed across San Francisco bay to attend Golden West No. 125 Auxiliary's installation of officers. The members were accompanied by Mr. Vercelli, Mr. Cortezzo, Mr. Girard and Mr. Nicholas.

VIRGINIA de BEAUMONT,
Press Correspondent.

LABOR TEMPLE AUXILIARY

MEETING

The regular meeting was held Tuesday evening, January 6th, at the labor temple. A large crowd attended. Many important issues were discussed.

It was decided upon to buy a $37.50 defense bond and to donate an additional $15 to the Red Cross for the war disaster fund.

RED CROSS

The Red Cross will meet every Wednesday at 10:30 o'clock at the labor temple. It should be everyone's duty to come down and help at this time. Come on, everyone, let's help now.

SOCIAL

Next social will be held Tuesday evening, January 20th. The social committee is, chairman, Louise Almeida; Myldred O'Leary, Tillie Bartmess and Nellie Mason.

NOTES

Vecille Nelson is the proud mother of a baby boy. Congratulations, Mr. and Mrs. Nelson.

Next regular meeting, February 3rd, will be a special meeting to vote on changing the meetings from evenings to afternoons.

All those wishing to sign up for first aid course, please notify me immediately. Phone PIedmont 8170.

SICKNESS

Esther McCormick has been reported ill. (Esther, we do hope you are feeling better now).

Tessie O'Leary was back with us at the meeting Tuesday night. (Tess, we were sure glad to see you back with us).

Many husbands have been reported ill. Mr. Thompson and Bill Milne are both laid up with casts on their feet. Martin Conley is still ill, but is now at home, and Johnnie Quinn is very ill. We all wish you fellows a speedy recovery.

We wish to extend our sincere sympathy to our member, Mrs. Alice Scott, on the passing away of her husband on Christmas eve.

Don't forget — plan for Red Cross every Wednesday at 10:30.

"Boost the union label."

BESSIE HUNT, Secretary.

CARPENTERS' AUXILIARY, No. 160

Today, at 10:30 o'clock sharp, there will be a social meeting and it will be proceded by a short business session at which time some necessary important business will be transacted. Refreshments will be served. Bring in your stubs and money for the award of the basket of kitchen utensils. We hope to see you all present.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

Executive board meeting will be held Tuesday, January 13th, at the home of Mae Bristow, 1927 Vicksburg, instead of the home of Past President Ruth Thompson, whose husband received a leg injury. Executive board take notice: Bring in your suggestions for the new year.

SEWING CLUBS

Be sure and join one of the sewing clubs, Betty Shumake and Esther McCormick, chairmen. The meetings will be started January 26th.

SICK REPORTED

Annie Ragen is not feeling so well. Ladies of auxiliary wish her a speedy recovery.

Brother Edw. Thompson of Local No. 36 reported with an injured leg. Auxiliary No. 160 wishes him a speedy recovery.

Brother Herman Mitscher of No. 550 received a severe hand injury while employed at Atkinson Mill and Manufacturing company. Ladies' Auxiliary No. 160 wishes him a speedy recovery.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Betty Shumake in the marriage of her daughter, from Ladies' Auxiliary No. 160.

BUSINESS MEETING

January 23rd, at 1:30, in Carpenters' hall.

"Buy defense stamps or bond. Union label at all times."

TESSIE O'LEARY, Press Cor.

APPLE STRIKE STILL IN PROGRESS IN STATE OF WASHINGTON

Contrary to reports circulated by unfair labor-hating employers, the strike involving 1500 members of the Fruit Packers and Warehousemen's Union, Local 760, against the twenty-one apple packing firms in Washington is still in progress passing its three month mark. B. I. Bowen, president of the produce council of the western conference of teamsters, announced yesterday.

Bowen stated that the forty companies which were placed on the unfair list three months ago still remain there, and will continue to be on this list until they agree to settle the dispute.

The employers, represented by the tree fruits labor relations committee, circulated a report that the pickets were off the twenty-one plants and that the dispute was now settled, thereby hoping to have their carloads of unfair apples released in the large eastern cities. The pickets were withdrawn by union officials of Local 760, when efforts were made to have the dispute settled by a specially setup defense council board after the United States government was attacked by the Japanese.

Negotiations broke down when the tree fruits committee refused to agree by the decision that the board might submit.

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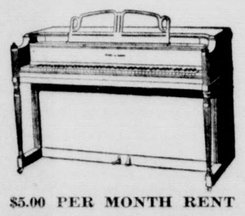
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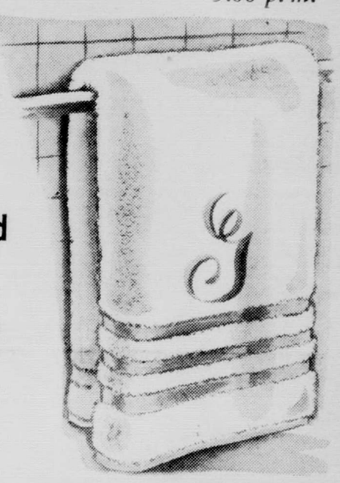
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THANKS FOR SUPPORT

Editor, East Bay Labor Journal:

Will you please extend my appreciation to your readers for the aid, counsel, cooperation and encouragement the United States department of labor has received from so many of them during 1941 and convey to them my very best wishes for 1942.

This new year will demand much of every American. It will demand toil and sacrifice from all of us so that our American way of life may be preserved, our American institutions safeguarded and freedom of speech, freedom of press, freedom of religion, freedom of assembly and equal justice to all be maintained as a noble heritage and as a sacred trust.

That toil will be gladly given by the workers of the United States at all times and under all conditions. All necessary sacrifices will also be made by them in this hour of our national need. Theirs is the job of bringing us more and more of the guns, the planes, the tanks and the ships that are so vital to the preservation of American lives and homes and all that a great and courageous people hold dear.

They can be counted upon to do that job thoroughly and in all speed. They can be counted upon to cooperate with every other responsible group of Americans at all times in the defense of our beloved country and in aid of democratic institutions the world over.

(Signed) FRANCES PERKINS.

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ORGANIZED LABOR REPORTS MARVELOUS YEAR IN 1941

Leaders of organized labor this week looked back upon the year 1941 and pronounced it one of the best in history for the nation's workers. Membership of unions rose to an all-time peak of between 10,000,000 and 11,000,000. Wage increases were won almost all along the line and several million jobless returned to factory benches and assembly lines. Many employers who had for years fought labor were brought under the union banner.

Labor waged an uphill fight against anti-union legislation and against an unparalleled "smear" campaign, and came through with colors flying. As the year closed, labor and management, at a conference called by President Roosevelt, agreed upon a voluntary "no-strike, no lock-out" program for the war's duration, and this achievement is expected to end threats of repressive laws.

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AFL Workers Heroic During Attack on Pearl Harbor, U. S. Reports

Men On Wake Island Fought So Well Japs Thought Them Soldiers

Labor will have special cause to remember Pearl Harbor because on the fateful morning of December 7, when the treacherous Japanese rained sudden destruction from the skies on that Hawaiian base, thousands of courageous American Federation of Labor workers ignored danger, stayed on the job, and fought like heroes against the enemy.

This was attested to in an official report by the navy department which gave details for the first time of the bravery and exploits of the building trades and metal trades workers stationed at Pearl Harbor during the murderous raid.

But the glow of pride which all American Federation of Labor members felt on learning this news was tempered with grief over the fate of some 1,500 other workers who apparently were captured by the Japs after having fought side by side with the U. S. marines for tortured days and nights on the lonely islands of Guam and Wake.

Tribute Paid Workers

The Japanese paid an unwitting **tribute to the fighting qualities of** the workers at Wake island when they claimed they had captured 1,400 American soldiers and marines on the island. The navy insisted, however, that there were only 400 marines stationed on the island and the others captured must have been civilian workers. They fought so bravely that the Japs mistook them for soldiers.

In its official report on the Pearl Harbor raid, the navy said that one crew of workmen, engaged in unloading anti-aircraft guns from a flatcar alongside a ship that had been overhauled, stuck to their work during the raid. The job that normally would take many hours was accomplished while the raid was in progress. The battery officer of the ship said several of the workers volunteered to help load the guns during the firing.

A comment of one officer in describing the heroism of these men said:

"Six men did work in two hours that ordinarily would take twenty men a day and a half."

Another officer described the scene at the main entrance of the navy yard.

"It was about 8 o'clock, during the earliest stage of the first attack," he said.

"Japanese planes were strafing and bombing Hickman field (adjoining the Pearl Harbor area). I noticed a large crowd of yard employes going through the gate. One of the attacking planes, off from the rest, was shot down in flames in the yard area—in full view of all these people. Their cheers could be heard above the drone of the motors and machine-gun fire."

Soon after the Japanese bombing started, a call for all yard workmen was broadcast over Honolulu radio station.

"During the second attack, about 11 o'clock, the streets in the navy yard were thick with incoming yard workmen, all hurrying to their jobs," the officer said.

"Instead of running to cover, they ran to their jobs. Lots of them were shaking their fists in the air."

Other instances of courageous action by civilian and naval personnel of the fourteenth naval district were cited in a report from the commanding officer of the Kaneohe Bay Naval Air station on Windward Oahu.

"The station, located on the opposite side of the island from Pearl Harbor, was also subjected to Japanese air attack shortly before 8 a. m.," the report said.

"All of the civilians displayed extreme gallantry in their disregard of personal danger, and their attempts to help salvage aircraft and put out fires was commendable," the officer said. "They voluntarily undertook to repair electrical lines and water mains and the utilities of the station were out of commission only a short while."

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MORE ABOUT WAR LABOR BOARD

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atives and one public representative who would act as chairman. However, there is a possibility that three or four public representatives may be named.

Disputes, which cannot be solved by the normal course of collective bargaining, will be submitted to conciliation, mediation or voluntary arbitration. Full use will be made of machinery of the U. S. conciliation service, now acting under the department of labor and under direction of Dr. John Steelman.

Final adjustment of all disputes will be sought within a time limit of thirty days to assure prompt justice.

One of the brightest aspects of the entire situation is the almost certain prospect that all anti-labor legislation now pending in congress is doomed. Except for a few die-hard labor-haters in and out of congress, there is agreement in all quarters that such legislation if enacted now would only cause trouble and prevent the smooth operation of the nation's industrial machine. Labor's willingness to make sacrifices and to give all-out assistance to the nation's war effort is greatly appreciated by President Roosevelt and government leaders generally.

Building Nose-Dives

As a result of government-ordered curtailment, construction of new buildings has taken a nosedive, the department of labor reported recently. In November, the decline was 23 per cent compared to the same month a year ago, the department said.

Fight To Finish

BROWN SAYS BIG JOB IS TO DEFEAT HITLER

"Strike Real Blow For Liberty," Says I. A. M. Chieftain

All members of the international association of machinists in the United States and Canada were called upon this week by President Harvey W. Brown to "put in extra licks" for the defeat of the totalitarian powers.

In a special message Brown pointed out that "the machinists' trade is the most essential for producing munitions, arms and implements for winning the war, and the eyes of the public are upon us."

"I appeal to our membership to buckle down to the biggest job we ever tackled," he said. "Make every move count. Put in your job all your skill and every ounce of energy. In war and defense industries, strikes must not be resorted to.

Union's Fate at Stake

"In every country taken over by Hitler, the first edict was to dissolve the organized labor movement. Therefore, in tackling our job, need there be greater incentive than the knowledge that we have suffered attack, at the command of those who demand that everything honorable and decent—our American way of life—be destroyed,

"We abhor war, but we are in it. We must dig in and do our best job. When the smoke of battle has cleared, it will again be said, 'Well done, members of the international association of machinists!'"

Plan To Seize Unused Machinery

Government to Seek Power To Take Over Equipment For Defense Production

Uncle Sam has his eye on machinery in automobile and other factories that is being slowed down by lack of materials for civilian production.

Army chieftains, backed by the O. P. M., disclosed recently they will ask congress for authority to transfer the machines from one plant to another, in order to build up under one roof integrated production facilities in a particular line.

BILL POSTERS LOSE OLD-TIME UNIONIST

The local bill posters' union lost one of their pioneer members last week when death took Mel Holland, a member of the union for 35 years.

Holland was a delegate to the central labor council and active in affairs of the local bill posters' union. His death came after several days of illness.

Funeral services were held Saturday. Burial was in St. Mary's cemetery.

$25,000,000 For Defense Bonds Voted By I.L.G.W.

The 300,000 members of the international ladies' garment workers' union will buy $25,000,000 in defense bonds in the six months beginning January 1, David Dubinsky, union president, announced.

Purchase of the bonds was authorized unanimously by a meeting of the union's general executive board. Mr. Dubinsky said that the purchase of the bonds would constitute the largest single loan to the federal government by an organization of individuals in the history of America.

The executive board pledged that every union member will in the next six months contribute at least two weeks' wages toward the purchase of the bonds. The average wage of the union members is between $31 and $32 a week, which would make the average contribution at least $50. This would raise more than $18,000,000 and would be sufficient to pay for bonds that in ten years will mature with a value of $25,000,000.

Christmas Deaths

More Americans were killed on the nation's highways on Christmas and the day before than lost their lives in the Japanese bombardment of Hawaii.

That startling fact was revealed in partial figures compiled by the Associated Press, showing that during the 48-hour period there were 429 highway fatalities in 40 states.

BEFORE AND AFTER

Mrs. Nuwedd—You promised me before we were married that you would never look at another woman but me.

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Officials Blast Sweatshop Bosses

Arguments of sweatshop employers that federal labor laws prevent overtime work were exploded this week by a department of labor report which showed that in nearly every major defense industry average hours are well above 40 a week.

The report disclosed that the average work-week in the machine tool industry is 51.8 hours; in machine tool accessories, 51.3; firearms, 50.4; engines and turbines, 46.9; shipbuilding, 45.4, and aircraft, 45.2.

These increases in the hours worked have occurred despite legal requirements that time and one-half wages must be paid for overtime, thus taking the ground from under the demands made by some chiseling bosses that labor standards must be suspended to speed up production.

Rearmament Speeded

Rearmament in the United States is proceeding faster than it did in Germany or any other country, it was reported by defense officials recently to the anuual meeting of the American statistical association, at New York.

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